

MMS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM: ONGOING STUDIES

Region: Alaska

Planning Areas: All Alaska Planning Areas

Title: Conference Management and Reports on MMS Results (AK-07-06)

MMS Information Needs to be Addressed: This study will help to resolve environmental and technical issues for MMS program managers and to increase public confidence in the data used by the OCS program. Workshops may be coordinated with future lease sales and for NEPA analysis and documentation focusing primarily on the Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, and North Aleutian Basin areas.

Total Cost: \$200,000

Period of Performance: FY 2008-2011

Conducting Organization: TBD

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Description:

Background The need for the transfer of studies information is ongoing and the Alaska Environmental Studies Program (ESP) has organized many meetings and workshops on environmental studies information with experts and interested parties on selected topics oriented to formulating concepts for new research projects and/or to address a study need. During the past decade, the main priorities have been small workshops for resolution of environmental issues and Information Transfer Meetings (ITMs) for the exchange of studies information among Principal Investigators and the general public. The Alaska ESP has also organized small meetings on a limited range of topics called Information Update Meetings (IUMs).

Objectives The objectives are to produce ITMs, IUMs, small workshops, and publications on OCS environmental studies information.

Methods The primary method is to coordinate meetings and workshops and assist with preparation of publications. Coordination includes organizing appropriate speakers and participants and logistics. FY 2008-2011 components may include an ITM in late 2008.

Current Status: In procurement – awaiting technical proposals.

Final Report Due: N/A

Publications Completed: N/A

Affiliated WWW Sites: <http://www.mms.gov/alaska/>

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